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DISCUSSES NATIONAL GOALS COMMISSION

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LEWIS: President Eisenhower's new and widely-touted National Goals Commission--that's G-O-A-L-S--not gold, National Goals Commission, announced a week ago under the chairmanship of Dr. Henry Wriston, former President of Brown University, and now head of Columbia's so-called American Assembly, one of Mr. Eisenhower's brain children, seems to be in trouble almost before it gets under way.

"The announced intention of the Commission is to make a long-range study of living standards, health and education and the methods needed to achieve the objectives which lie ahead--that's a direct quote. The President first propounded the idea of the Goals Commission in his message to Congress on the state of the union a year ago. He said then that we need more than politically ordained national objectives to challenge the best efforts of free men and women--very pretty language--very pretty ideas--and a very meritorious idea, particularly in the light of the fact that this is to be financed by private endowments and foundations, not by government money. But all of these bright ideas are dependent as always, upon the people who run them, not in name as in the case of Dr. Wriston but in fact. So it becomes interesting to know who's going to run this shop."

"It develops that as yet the staff has not been set up, except for the head of that staff, the Executive director who will run the show of course, and it develops that the executive officer will be a man by the name of William P. Bundy, whom I took occasion to look up for you this afternoon. Mr. William P. Bundy, please be informed, is the son-in-law of former Secretary of State Dean Acheson, which to many people would not be much of a recommendation, although sons-in-law can in fact disagree in fact and ideology with fathers-in-law. In this case however it doesn't seem to have been that way.

"Mr. Bundy is a one-time member of the Public Workers of America, which organization was expelled from the CIO in 1950 because of its Communist affiliations. He personally contributed \$400 to the legal defense of Alger Hiss, and he was a law associate of Donald Hiss, Alger's brother. You remember perhaps that it was Dean Acheson who said he would not turn his back on Alger Hiss. Well here is one of his boys. Currently Mr. Bundy is serving as assistant to the director of the National Estimates Board of the Central Intelligence Agency, Mr. Allen Dulles' highly controversial organization, and it will be interesting to see what this young man comes up with, as the new head of the National Goals Commission.

"I wonder why we couldn't have gotten some brilliant young intellectual who didn't like the cause of Alger Hiss, such as Bill Buckley of National Review Magazine. But it never seems to happen this way, even in this administration which considers itself to be conservative. Everything is always 'fudged' to the left from the kickoff."